



Elmer "Jack" Ernisse

January 23, 2025

Elmer "Jack" Ernisse died on January 23, 2025 at St. John's Home at the age of 94. Jack was a lifelong member of Salem United Church of Christ. He served with the U.S. Army in Japan during the Korean War.

A life-long resident of Rochester, NY, Jack was the only child of James and Florence Ernisse. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1949 and went to work as a Draftsman at Gleason Works. At Gleason, Jack met Doris Peglow and they married in 1955. They had four children; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren followed as the years passed.

Jack loved music and loved to sing. At Franklin, he was a member of the Inner-High Chorus. He was a member of the Gleason Male Chorus and drove weekly to Lockport, NY for years to sing with the Lock City Glee Club. He sang Barbershop with the Chorus of the Erie Canal and the Chorus of the Genesee. Jack and Doris traveled to many Barbershop conventions and competitions and went to Ireland with the Chorus of the Genesee for the St. Patrick's Day parade. There were trips to Big Sings with the Gleason and Lock City choruses. They were both members of the Salem Church choir. Jack continued singing while at St. John's Home; participating in ecumenical services and performing impromptu concerts in the dining room.

Jack was a sports fan. He enjoyed attending Rochester Royal basketball games in his younger days and then the Rochester RazorSharks; as well as the Rochester Red Wings. He had season tickets for the Buffalo Bills and many Sundays were spent at Rich Stadium cheering on Jim Kelly and the team. Jack and Doris traveled to two of the Bills Super Bowl games. He enjoyed playing horseshoes and softball with friends at Salem Park.

Jack's family would like to thank the staff at St. John's Home for their love and care of Jack over the last three years. We are also grateful to the staff from Rochester Regional Hospice Care for the heartfelt compassion and care they provided during his final days. Predeceased by his sisters-in-law, Lucille Phippen and Carol Simonds; brother-in-law, Bud Peglow and son-in-law, Bill Chambers. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Doris; children, Patricia (Ken) Connor, Barbara Ernisse, Bonnie (Bruce) Dalious, and David (Cathy); grandchildren, Kristen (David) Klink, Chad (April) Ernisse, Katie (Jason) Polcyn, Corey (Kristen) Ernisse, Hannah Connor (Brandon) Hector, Karla Dalious,

Amanda Chambers, Kyra Ernisse, Kayla Ernisse; great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Marsh, Bennet and Davey Ernisse, Jackson Hector; sister-in-law, Nancy Peglow; brother-in-law, James Simonds; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Family and friends are invited to Jack's Memorial Service on Friday, February 7th at 2pm in the chapel at St. John's Home, 150 Highland Ave. Rochester, NY 14620. In lieu of flowers, please call or visit an old friend.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Home
150 Highland Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620

Tribute Wall

NW

“ Sorry to hear that Jack passed. My parents June & Bob Welker were friends and I remember Jack & Doris from Salem Church. Ken & Norma Welker

Norma & Ken Welker - February 08, 2025 at 06:09 PM

M(

“ So sorry to hear that Jack has passed away. I remember him and his family from Salem Church. My parents, Don and Ruth Baker, were friends for many years. My dad also was at Salem Park with Jack playing horseshoes and cutting the grass. I remember his smile and his great personality. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Remember all the good times. You are all in my prayers

Marcia Baker (Dennis) - February 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

AL

“ Mrs. Ernissee, I have been looking at Rochester obits and happened upon Mr Ernissee. I am so very sorry for your loss. My day was always better when I saw one of you and more so when I got to see both of you. He was such a wonderful man and am so very grateful for my luck to know him. Have missed all of our patients that chose our store for their prescriptions but I had a certain few that I really loved. You two were part of my world and my craziness with Michael and Lydia and Abbey. Again I am so sorry and I am thinking of you 🥺

ann lebeau - February 04, 2025 at 08:44 AM

JN

“ I recall Jack from B.F. high school. A truly Gentleman. Rest in Peace my Friend.
John Noto

john noto - February 02, 2025 at 04:34 PM

JB

“ The Veterans Outreach Center extends our deepest sympathy in Jack's passing.

We acknowledge and are truly grateful for his service to our country.

Joan Brandenburg - February 02, 2025 at 04:11 PM

DL

“ David, Cathy and Family, I'm very sorry to hear that Jack passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dan Lynd - February 02, 2025 at 03:42 PM

SH

“ My father, Ernie Bofinger, sang with the Liederkrantz Choral Society and knew Jack through the music and barbershop world. I knew the name immediately when I saw it in the Democrat & Chronicle. It seems Jack led a very long and rich life, and I extend my condolences to his family.

Susan Huppe - February 02, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JR

“ Living across the street on Harvest Drive, Jack was a great neighbor. He was friendly, always willing to help and just an overall great guy. I want to send condolences to his wife Doris and his children and family. Joe Resch Jr.

Joseph Resch - January 31, 2025 at 12:25 AM

LB

sorry i missed the service and sorry for your loss Jack and I would always place a bet of 1.00 on webster and fairportsports we are past presidents of gw elder statesman club

Louis Biuso - February 10, 2025 at 12:37 PM